

Chapter 13: Tribal Enforcement

Section 13.055: Enforcing Medical Support on a Tribal Case

This section describes how and when to enforce medical coverage.

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Policy	Indian Health Services (IHS) is an acceptable alternative to private health insurance if the NCP is a tribal member and you receive verification that IHS is available to the children.
Procedure	Consider IHS as medical coverage and inform the NCP. Modify the order if IHS is available. Enforce medical if available at no cost.
Visual Aids	Tribal Relations Internet site Indian Health Services Website SEMS Web TI - Tribal Information
Automated Actions	
SEMS Screens	MI, BC, OR, IA, ES, CC, BI
Forms Used	09-727 , 09-730 , 18-525 Most DCS forms note procedures for tribal cases.
Hearing and Conference Board Rights	Refer all requests to the Regional Tribal Liaison or Tribal Claims Officer.
See Also	Federal Indian Policy Chapter 6 - Establishment of medical support Chapter 7 Hearing and Conference Board Rights Chapter 10 - Collection Tools and Assets - Enforcing Medical Coverage Chapter 16 - Modifications and Section 13.060 - Tribal Mods Chapter 18 - Case Closure

PROCEDURES

A. When does Indian Health Services (IHS) qualify as medical coverage?

1. Indian Health Services (IHS) is an acceptable alternative to private health insurance if the NCP is a tribal member **and** you receive written verification that IHS is available to the children.
2. You must inform the NCP that IHS is an acceptable alternative to private health insurance when either of the following applies:
 - a. The NCP is a tribal member and you are enforcing medical support through an employer or union.
 - b. When you are establishing an administrative order or serving notice of an existing order.
 - c. **Note:** You may send the **Indian Health Services Notice**, DSHS 18-525 to the NCP in most instances.
3. If IHS is available, document it on **CC** using code 60.
 - a. Enter coverage code *N*, reason 7 on the **MI** screen.
 - b. Do not enter a carrier code on the **MI** screen.
 - c. Send the **Notice of Insurance Coverage**, DSHS 09-730 to the CP.
 - d. Send the 18-525 to the NCP.
4. If DCS is providing MEO services on an MAO case, close the case upon written verification that IHS is available to the children through the NCP. If paternity needs to be established, contact your Tribal Liaison.
5. If medical insurance is available at no cost through an employer or union, the NCP must enroll the children. Do not send the 18-525 to the NCP.

B. When do I modify an order to include medical insurance?

1. Modify the order for medical support if all of the following apply:
 - a. The order does not address health insurance; **And**
 - b. The NCP is a tribal member; **And**
 - c. The IHS is available to the children.
2. See Section 13.060 for modification requirements.